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PROTEIN ACETYLATION, DECREASE AGING, INCREASE LIFESPAN

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PETITION FOR TWO-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136, applicant hereby petitions that the period for response to the action dated January 13, 2003, be extended for two months to and including April 13, 2003.

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